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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2005, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2005

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RICHARD BURR, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, as we prepare to celebrate our Nation's independence, we thank You that we can look to You to meet our needs. You provide our food and drink, our health and strength. You give us the warmth of friendship and the love of family. And when all of these blessings are scarce, You provide us with patience to wait and courage to persevere.

Bless our lawmakers today. Keep them on right paths. Help them to avoid the shortcuts that lead away from Your will. Strengthen their families and keep them from harm.

Lord, give each of us the prudence to foresee the danger ahead and take precautions.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable RICHARD BURR led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate.

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 1, 2005.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD BURR, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BURR thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning we are in session for a period of morning business. There are several Senators who have indicated their desire for time today to introduce legislation and to make general statements. There will be a number of statements over the course of the morning and possibly into the early afternoon—in part because we have had such a busy week with legislation on the floor so that people will take advantage of this opportunity today.

Last night we were able to complete both the CAFTA legislation and the Energy and Water appropriations bill. I hesitated a little bit because, by the time we finished here—it was not that

long ago, about 9 hours ago. We finished about 1 o'clock in the morning. But we had a very full day, a very productive day yesterday, passing the appropriations bills as well as the legislation that will do a great deal in terms of lowering trade barriers to very important countries, most of which are recently emerged democracies.

Because we were able to finish our work late last night into the wee hours of the morning, we will not have roll-call votes today. When we finish our business today, we will adjourn for our recess and return on Monday, July 11. At that point in time the plans are to take up the Homeland Security appropriations bill. We will have a vote late Monday afternoon—later this morning we will say more about that—in relation to an amendment on the Homeland Security bill.

I do thank all of our Members for their hard work and their assistance over the last week, indeed the last several weeks. In the last week alone, the last 5 days, we were able to initiate the appropriations process and pass three appropriations bills as well as the Central American Free Trade Agreement bill.

It could not have been done without a lot of understanding and participation by both sides of the aisle, including the Republican leadership working with the Democratic leadership very effectively, hand in hand. We had long, late, busy sessions, but they were very

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